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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RENZI).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 25, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RICK RENZI to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God of heaven and Earth, we bless You and we thank You for Your Holy Scriptures which quicken the mind and enrich our lives.

You spoke to us through prophets, patriarchs and kings, apostles and martyrs. Beginning with Moses through John of Patmos, their written message has become Your living word to challenge each of us and every society throughout human history, repent and believe, for their voice has gone out to the limits of the Earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Lord, may the perceptions, discussions, and decisions of Congress be enlightened by attentive listening to Your Holy Word. And may all of Your people across this Nation make Your revelations known by the way they take Your word to heart and bring it to life both now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1268. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendments to the bill (H.R. 1268) "An Act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BOND, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs.

HUTCHISON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BYRD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REID, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JOHNSON, and Ms. LANDRIEU, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 643. An act to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 to reauthorize State mediation programs.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on April 21, 2005 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 787: To designate the United States courthouse located at 501 I Street in Sacramento, California, as the "Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse".

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. tomorrow for morning hour debates.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1726. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a draft bill "To amend the United States Grain Standards Act to extend the authority of the

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